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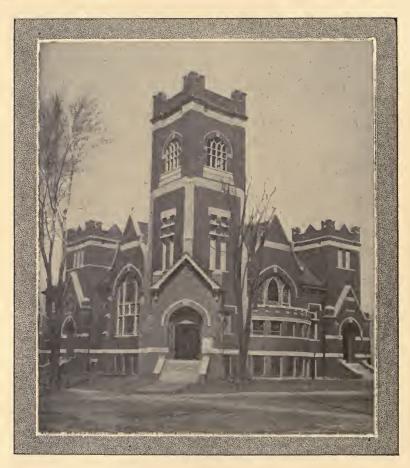


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THE OLD LOG CHURCH

The Church

By Mrs. Kate Morrison, from Church Records

IIE history of Methodism in Olney is eo-existent with the history of Richland County. This county was formed in 1841, of parts of Lawerence and Clay counties, and the county seat was located at Olney. At that time there were only three families living within the bounds of the little village. These were the families of Hiram Barney, William Elliott and Thomas Lilly. Mr. Barney's family were members

of the Methodist Church, and occasionally an itinerant Methodist preacher would, while passing through the place, hold religious services at their home, a small log cabin which stood where the Commercial Hotel, now the The New Olney, is located. Not many months after the location of the county seat, another Methodist family moved into the village, and in the fall of 1841, these Methodists organized a class at the home of Mr. Barney. There was at that time no building for either church or school purposes in the limits of the village.

This place was included in what was then known as Vandalia district, Maysville Circuit. Rev. Jacob E. Reed was preacher in charge, and Rev. Barton Randal, presiding clder. Regular services were held every four weeks at the cabin home of Father West, near what is now the village of Claremont, also at Maysville, just south of Clay City. Occasionally the circuit preacher would call a meeting and hold services at the home of Richard Phillips, at what is now known as McsBurg.

There was glorious out-pouring of God's spirit at those meetings. But few, if any, of those old soldiers of the Cross are now living. At one time a two days' meeting was being held at Brother Phillips' home, when deep interest was manifested and many

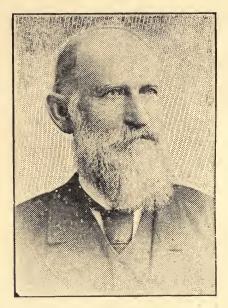
were converted. The meeting was prolonged for several days. One afternoon a number of young people assembled in the woods nearby to hold a prayer meeting. They sang and prayed and shouted "The Holy Spirit came down their souls to greet, and glory crowned the Mercy seat." The woods rang with shouts of praise to God, and the people all came running to join in the chorus. The result was the conversion of many souls, among whom were William McWilliams and Thomas Phillips and others who are still in the full enjoyment of the peace they then received.

The first Methodist Society organized in Olney was composed of William H. Reed and wife, Scott Thrapp and wife, Nelson D. Jay and wife, Jonas Notestine and wife, Morris B. Snyder and wife, and one probationer, George I. Butler. William Reed was a carpenter and cabinet maker, a very devoted Methodist, being the son of a Methodist preacher. Scott Thrapp was the owner of a saw-mill on Fox River, a local preacher of some ability, a very eccentric genius, peculiar in many ways, but a very solid Methodist. Nelson D. Jay was a tailor, a man of considerable talent and quite active in church work, who was afterwards made a local preacher. Jonas Notestine was a tanner and lived in the country at that time, but later moved to Olney, where he and his brother, Levi Notestine, also a Methodist, bought what was known as Stout's tannery. He was known from that time as the "wheel horse" of Methodism in Olney. Morris B. Snyder was for many years clerk of the Court and a local preacher, being a very devoted Christian. George Butler was a blacksmith, a man of much intelligence and considerable education. His eldest son became a Methodist preacher and was for a time a member of the Southern Illinois Conference.

In 1842 Richland Circuit was formed and attached to Mt. Carmel district. Rev. John Fox was appointed preacher in charge; Rcv. Barton Randal, presiding elder. Regular services were held at Olney, McsBurg, Fairview and occasionally at other points within the circuit. The only meeting place in Olney was the home of Hiram Barney. In the fall of that year the county commissioners made a proposition to the Methodist Brethren that if they would put up a building suitable for church and school purposes, and permit the county to use it for a courthouse, until such time as a courthouse could be built, and permit the use of the house for school purposes until the public could build a school house, the county would give the Church the ground in fee simple. The proposition was accepted and in a few days labor, nails, glass and timber were subscribed to build the house. No money was asked for, or needed. In a short time the building, a log house, 20 x 20 feet, was completed and ready for occupancy. It was considered an excellent improvement. The County only occupied it for one term of court, but it was used for church and school purposes for many years. Morris B. Snyder was commissioned by the County to make the deed for the land, and it being necessary to have trustees, James Urie, Jonas Nolestine, William H. Recd, Nelson D. Jay and Rev. William Rogers were elected and constituted the first Board of Trustees of the new church. On the 21st of January, 1843, the deed was made and delivered. In 1843 the annual conference appointed Rev. William Royal, pastor of Richland Circuit, and Rev. Barton Randal, presiding elder. The church continued to prosper as other Methodist families moved to Olney, and a few joined on probation. In 1844, McKendree Thrapp was appointed preacher in charge of the circuit, and Rev. John VanCleve, presiding elder.

In the winter of 1844–5 a wonderful revival occurred which seemed to premeate every part of the community. The house was crowded to overflowing from day to day and the meeting continued for over two months, resulting in about one hundred conversions. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rateliff united with the church at this time. In 1845 our people thought they had grown strong enough to stand alone, and were struck off by the Conference and made a Mission, with \$75.00 per year allowance from the Home Missionary

Society. Rev. Ephraim Joy was appointed to the Mission, Rev. John Van Cleve, presiding elder. In 1846 Rev. Austin Rogers was pastor; Rev. John Van Cleve, presiding elder. The society had a steady and healthy growth, but no special revivals. In 1847 Rev. R. J. Nall was preacher in charge, Rev. W. H. Taylor, presiding elder. 1848 Rev. John Gillham, preacher in charge; W. H. Taylor, presiding elder. A parsonage was built in that year. 1849 John Adams, preacher in charge; C. Lambert, assistant. 1850 A. Campbell, pastor; Norman Allen, presiding elder. 1851 Moses Sheperd, pastor; Norman Allen, presiding elder. The Southern Illinois Conference was organized that year. 1852 John Sheperd, pastor; Norman Allen, presiding elder; local preachers, Scott Thrapp and Nelson D. Jay.



JOHN H. GUNN

The log church had become so dilapidated by this time as to be untenable, therefore meetings were held for a time in an old two story building on the corner of Main and Mulberry Streets, and later the use of the courthouse was obtained for church and Sunday school purposes. The Society decided to make an effort to build a new church, and on the 17th day of May a meeting was called to elect a new board of trustees according to the laws of the State. The pastor, Rev. John Sheperd, was chairman, and Jacob Hoffman, secretary; and the meeting resulted in the election of Jonas Nolestine, Levi Notestine, R. B. Marney, Hiram Barney, Michael Stauffer, G. W. Carrothers, C. M. Hoover, Jacob Hoffman and John H. Gunn. The board organized by electing John H. Gunn, chairman, and Jacob Hoffman, secretary. At this same meeting steps were taken to secure a lot for the church and to procure subscriptions, and then the question arose as to size and expenses of the building. Some were in favor of forty by sixty feet; others thirty-five by fifty feet, and in order to test the matter two subscription papers were circulated among the people, one favoring each size. On the 13th of January, 1853, a decision was reached to build the church, forty by sixty feet, to thirty feet high,



First Methodist Church (Old Building)

with basement rooms for school purposes. G. W. Carrothers, Jacob Hoffman and John H. Gunn were appointed a committee on building. They were instructed to visit Mt. Carnel to inspect the new church at that place, in order to aid them in deciding on plans. Hon. Alfred Kitchell donated a lot sufficient for the church and parsonage, and was very liberal in other donations. July 1, 1854, the committee, assisted by George Lutz, presented their plans and specifications for the building, which were accepted.

In 1855 Rev. J. T. Johnson was pastor and Rev. Norman Allen, presiding elder. This was a prosperous year. During the winter a protracted meeting was held in the courthouse by Rev. Johnson, assisted by Rev. John Seed, of Lawrenceville, which was prolonged for many days, and was far-reaching in its results. There were many conversions and additions of those who became life-long workers for the interests of the church, and many years afterwards "the revival at the courthouse" was spoken of by those who dated their experience of conversion and the beginning of a new life from that happy time.

In 1854 J. W. Miller was pastor and Rev. William Cliffe, presiding elder. The plans for the new church were well on the way, and were pushed with vigor. The next year both pastor and elder were returned, and it was chiefly by their efforts that the Ohiey Seminary was organized in connection with the church and started in the two story building on the corner of Main and Mulberry streets, and was afterwards transferred to the basement of the new church. Rev. Nelson Hawley took charge of the seminary the first year. In 1856 Rev. Nelson Hawley was appointed pastor, and Rev. William Cliffe, presiding elder. The church and Sunday school prospered, and one of the best revivals ever held in Olney was held in the new church basement.

In 1857 both pastor and elder were returned. The basement rooms were fully finished and furnished and occupied by the Olney Seminary. Prof. D. Holmes, of New York, was appointed general superintendent. The church building was pushed as rapidly as possible, but collection on subscriptions was slow, and often the same people would subscribe again. It was necessary for the trustees to borrow money, and when the interest became due they were forced to pay it themselves. This became so burdensome that it was often difficult to secure a quorum at their meetings. The building was so far completed that meetings were held in the main audience room on special occasions during the winter. Bishop Simpson, passing from St. Louis to Cincinnati, stopped with us over night and preached for us.

1858 Rev. A. B. Nesbit, pastor; Rev. R. J. Nall, presiding elder. Local preachers were J. W. Phillips, George D. Morrison, A. W. Mace, Jas. W. Wharf, W. H. Cain, G. W. Thomas. In this year our church was dedicated, Rev. Battel, a presiding elder from Louisville, Ky., preaching the dedication sermon. About this time trouble arose about the singing, some of the members desiring to improve the singing by the introduction of notes, while others were strongly opposed to the change. The pastor appointed two brethren to lead the singing, which angered the opposition and the situation became extremely unpleasant. The church was divided into two factions: In 1859, Conference appointed H. Chapman, pastor; but in trying to please both sides he made the matters worse, and after a few months service, left the pulpit. Wm. H. Cain was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation, for the rest of the conference year, and was greatly assisted by Dr. J. W. Phillips.

In 1861 Norman Allen was pastor and A. B. Nesbit, presiding elder. Notwithstanding the trouble in regard to the music we had a glorious revival that winter; fifty-five were taken in on probation and eight by letter. A choir was organized and much of the ill-feeling had been allayed, but it was not without considerable opposition that note books were introduced. In August of this year the church steeple was struck by lightning and badly damaged. 1861, conference appointed Rev. John Glaze, pastor;

and returned Rev. A. B. Nesbit for presiding elder. The pastor being in poor health and the excitement of the Civil War causing great trouble among the people, work was interfered with and but little progress made. At the fourth quarterly conference this year Arthur Morrison, afterwards superintendent of Missions in New Mexico, was licensed to preach.

1862 Rev. Carlyle Babbitt was pastor and Rev. A. B. Nesbit, presiding elder. There was much trouble in our midst on account of the war, and the church suffered greatly. 1863 Rev. Joseph Hough, pastor and Rev. A. B. Nesbit, presiding elder. 1864 Rev. Hough was returned and Rev. Nelson Hawley was appointed presiding elder. 1865 our church subscribed and paid \$200 for the support of the soldiers in our vicinity; a company of cavalry having been stationed here for the protection of the town. At this time the work of building a parsonage was commenced, and a committee was appointed for the purpose. Annual conference was held here this year, Bishop Scott presiding, Philip Phillips conducted the singing. Rev. T. F. Houts was appointed pastor, Rev. N. Hawley, presiding elder. During this year the pastor reported large congregations and much interest manifested. Near the close of the year a very interesting protracted meeting was held, with one hundred and twenty-three accessions on probation, and five by letter.

The parsonage was finished in 1866 and occupied by T. F. Houts and family, as he was returned to us as pastor. Rev. Nelson Hawley was appointed presiding elder, and Rolla Fahs was licensed to preach. In 1867 the pastor and presiding elder were returned. A revival was held in February of that year, resulting in thirty-three probationers and eight by letter. The pastor was in very poor health most of the time during the year, seldom able to preach, and his place was filled by Dr. J. W. Phillips. Brother John Reef was licensed to preach. This year the church was reported clear of debt. Brother William Whitaker received in full connection and licensed to preach.

In February, 1868, a glorious revival was held; thirty being received on probation. J. W. Palmeteer licensed to preach. The pastor, T. F. Houts, presented his formal resignation on account of ill health, but it was not accepted until some time afterwards, although he was relieved from work, and Dr. J. W. Phillips employed for the remainder of the year. In 1869 Rev. Joseph Earp was pastor and Rev. Ephraim Joy, presiding elder. This year the Lay representation to annual conference was decided upon. At the fourth quarterly conference G. D. Morrison was recommended for traveling connection in annual conference.

In 1870 Pastor C. J. Houts and Presiding Elder Rev. Ephraim Joy were appointed. Again falling behind in finances the deficiency was found to be about \$600. Brother Edmund Root was recommended for Deacon's orders; George D. Morrison for clder's orders, J. H. Gunn elected to electoral conference at Centralia. In 1871 John Van Cleve was pastor and Ephraim Joy presiding elder. The first quarterly conference adopted the envelope system for pastor's salary and contingent fund. Harry Stauffer was appointed secretary and treasurer. The presiding elder's claim to be raised in congregation independent of envelopes, but at third quarterly conference it was decided to include the presiding elder's claim in the envelope system.

. In 1872 Dr. John Van Cleve was pastor and J. A. Robinson, presiding elder. Motion carried to recommend organization of District Conference. Motion made and carried to read in quarterly love feast the names of persons paying nothing for the support of the church, but this motion was afterwards rescinded. In 1873 J. N. Phillips was pastor and J. A. Robinson, presiding elder. Brothers G. A. Seed and Gotleib Eggler licensed to exhort. A committee was authorized to contract for improvements on the church by building a front with vestibule and stairway, and such other repairs as might be needed.

At fourth quarterly conference the pastor reported a prosperous year. The improvements were completed with an indebtedness of \$1500. Quarterly conference by unanimous vote requested the return of Brother Phillips. In 1874 same pastor and presiding elder. The first quarterly conference committee appointed to borrow \$1500, securing the same by mortgage on parsonage. The fourth quarterly conference reports total membership as being four hundred and twenty-eight. J. H. Gunn was elected as a delegate to annual conference and also to general conference.

In 1875 J. W. Lane was pastor and J. A. Robinson, presiding elder. Fourth quarterly conference 1876; resolution of faithful work by presiding elder, J. A. Robinson. Requested the return of J. W. Lane. 1878, pulpit filled by Dr. Locke, of Lebanon. Miss Mary Phillips and C. H. Sherburn licensed to preach. In 1879 T. F. Houts was pastor and J. Leeper, presiding elder. A. W. Mace and Mrs. Mary Longwood licensed to preach. 1880, conference requested to return to us T. F. Houts, which was not granted. Appointed Rev. William Wallace as pastor, and O. H. Clark as presiding elder. For 1881 Rev. J. Wm. Van Cleve as pastor and O. H. Clark as presiding elder. Second quarterly conference reported quarterly meeting just closed, resulting in one hundred and nineteen on probation and twenty by letter. 1883, J. William Van Cleve as pastor and O. H. Clark as presiding elder. J. H. Gunn confirmed as Sunday school superintendent. 1884-1885, N. B. Cooksey, pastor; Milo Powers, presiding elder. 1886-1887-1888-1889, B. F. Pierce, pastor; Rev. Milo Powers, presiding elder. The pastor reports, "Sunday school doing well; teachers' meetings, prayer and class meetings are well attended; the congregation large and devotional. There have been some marked conversions, thirty have united with the church during the quarter. The Pastor and Ladies' Aid Society have rendered very efficient help in the pastoral work."

In 1890 Joseph W. Van Cleve was pastor and M. N. Powers, presiding elder. That winter many young people were converted. 1891-1892, Joseph W. Van Cleve, pastor; Rev. Wm. Van Cleve, presiding elder. The pastor was authorized to raise \$600 to re-roof the church and pay off indebtedness. During the fourth quarter of 1891 services were held in the Congregational Church while our Church was being repaired. In 1892 special revival services were held by S. A. Keen, resulting in great spiritual good and corresponding profit to the church. 1893, C. Nash, pastor; Wm. Van Cleve, presiding elder. 1894-1985, C. Nash, pastor; Wm. Wallis, presiding elder. W. N. Gray was elected representative class leader to district conference. 1896, C. Nash, pastor; Wm. Wallis, presiding elder. Approved as Sunday school superintendent, N. L. Crout. 1897, 1898, 1899, J. G. Harmon, pastor; Wm. Wallis, presiding elder. Committee appointed to draft resolutions commending the faithful work of the pastor and presiding elder.

In 1900 J. W. Cummins was pastor and F. W. Loy, presiding elder. For the first time in many years all claims were paid, and a balance left in the treasury at first quarterly conference. Fourth quarterly conference the pastor reported seventy-three admitted to membership during the year. 1901, J. W. Cummins, pastor; F. W. Loy, presiding elder. The church suffered a great loss this year in the death of Brother Edward Shaw, who had for many years been a most efficient leader of the choir, and was beloved by everyone for his excellent character and deportment as a business man and a Christian.

1902-1903-1904-1905, pastor, J. W. Cummins; presiding elder, F. W. Loy. During the year 1903 the erection of a two story frame parsonage costing, when completed, about \$3,000.00, was commenced under the direction of a building committee composed of O. M. Conklin, N. L. Crout, Mrs. A. L. Redman, Mrs. J. F. Jolly and H. B. Alley. It was creeted on a lot on Fair street, purchased and donated by "The Ladies' Guild." The old parsonage was sold for \$800, which amount was used in the building of the new parsonage. The remainder of the money required was given by about one hundred persons,

giving from fifty cents to fifty dollars each. The new parsonage, when completed, was occupied by J. W. Cummins and family. About this time The Guild purchased as a site for a church the corner of Fair and Elm streets, paying \$1800 for the same.

After serving the church faithfully for six years, being the longest time our puplit was ever filled by one minister, Brother Cummins was appointed by conference to Mt. Carmel, whither he went followed by the love, prayers and blessings of the entire membership. During his pastorate the church experienced great prosperity both spiritually and financially.

1906-1907, pastor, T. E. Sisson; presiding elder, S. A. D. Rogers. On or about the 2nd day of March, 1907, it was decided to begin to build a new church, and the following committees were appointed: Building—G. D. Slanker, K. D. Horrall, E. C. Baughman, M. D. Foster, B. S. Murray. Advisory—Mrs. J. E. Phillips, Mrs. A. L. Redman, Mrs. J. C. Page, Mrs. H. C. Falconer, and Mrs. O. M. Conklin. Ways and Means—N. L. Crout, J. S. Wright, A. Knoph, H. T. Dewhirst, C. N. Edmiston, Mrs. J. F. Jolly, Mrs. T. A. Fritchey, Mrs. D. P. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Winans and Miss Dora Ratcliffe.

1907-1908, pastor, Robert Morris; presiding elder, S. A. D. Rogers; Miss Etta Mae Powell, employed as deaconess. Second quarterly conference Bullard & Bullard, of Springfield, Ill., were employed to prepare plans for the new church. N. L. Crout and A. T. Telford were added to the building committee. This quarter records the passing away of two prominent pioneer members, Brothers John H. Gunn and William N. Gray. They were intimately connected with the early church and had served their generation long and well. Brother Gray was a popular class leader and most faithful worker,



G. D. SLANKER Chairman Building Committee

having filled many places of honor and trust in the church. Brother Gunn scrved the church in many official places, and was for a long term of years a most efficient superintendent of the Sunday school. He was appointed Historian of the Church, and it is to his manuscript that we are largely indebted for the facts of this little history. Much of it has been taken verbatim from his writing.

The old church was sold to Olney Lodge No. 926 B.P.O. E. for \$1250, and on May 11th, the contract was let to F. L. Kraul to build a new church on the corner of Elm and Fair streets. The corner stone was laid by the Masonic Fraternity, Tuesday, July 28, 1908, Rev. Joseph Van Cleve, a former pastor, delivering the address. The church was complete and the dedication sermon preached on the 11th day of April, 1909, by Dr. T. C. Iliff, D. D. Our new church is a very substantial and beautiful structure, of which any organization might well be proud. As our well beloved and highly appreciated pastor, Brother Morris, has just been returned to us by the annual conference, we are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable year.



Rev. S. A. D. Rogers Present District Superintendent



REV. ROBERT MORRIS Present Pastor

The Sunday School

By Eudora Ratcliffe



HE first organized Sunday School in Olney, Illinois, was the Methodist in the winter of 1842-1843, the time when the little log church was built. In the earliest days Jonas Notestine was superintendent. James Uric, Thomas and Catherine Ratcliffe were prominent workers, the last named having been primary teacher before her marriage. No records of how long that school continued are available, nor any until a

much later date.

In 1860 G. D. Morrison was superintendent. Before and after that date J. H. Gunn filled that office. Robert Marney was secretary in early years, but the exact date is unknown. In 1863 we find from Secretary J. M. Price's minutes, there was a well-organized Sunday School with a corps of four officers and sixteen teachers, and an average attendance of one hundred and sixty nine for that year.

March 1st, 1863, the School was resolved into an auxiliary to the Missionary Society and called the Sunday School Missionary Society, with J. H. Gunn, president; Rev. G. D. Morrison, vice-president; J. M. Price, secretary; Rev. C. Babbitt, treasurer. The names of Wm. Bower and Aden Knoph are mentioned several times as secretaries pro tem. An account of books loaned and returned shows the School owned a library. Memorizing Scripture was a specialty, more than two thousand verses having been recited some Sabbaths.

The number of women who attended then was far in excess of the men. We might attribute that to the unsettled state of the country, because of the Civil War, if conditions had not remained much the same until now that the adult bible class movement has become popular. There are no records from September 24th, 1876 (but the School was never disorganized), when officers, teacher and scholars names are given to the number of three hundred and fifty. May 22nd, 1882, the name was changed to Olney Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, and a constitution was adopted. From that time more complete records have been kept.

If we were to undertake to pay tribute to all faithful officers and teachers of our School during all the years of its existence it would make a volume too bulky for our purpose. Their names are in the histories deposited in the corner stone of our new Methodist Episcopal Church, and their deeds no human can record. Let it suffice to give names of superintendents: Jonas Notestine, 1842——; G. D. Morrison, 1860——; J. H. Gunn, 1863——, 1876-1884; H. J. B. Wright, 1885-1886; D. F. Houser, 1887-1888; G. D. Slanker, 1888-1893; John Howe, 1894-1895; C. N. Edmiston, 1895-1896; N. L. Crout, 1896-1909.

Previous to February 17th, 1895, records show the School convened in the afternoon. At that time it was changed to 9:30 A. M. Since its organization there has never been a time when we need feel anything but pride in our Sunday School. It has been good, now we are enjoying one of the better times and hoping and striving for the best. There was never a better showing than now, with a men's class numbering eighty-five; a women's class numbering seventy-six; a primary department of seventy; officers and teachers, forty; and total membership of about five hundred.

The use of the Loyal Army system of keeping records, introduced under Mr. Crout's superintendency, has inspired prompt and faithful attendance. Every year numbers have earned diplomas, to which a seal has been affixed each successive year, if earned.

In addition, for five consecutive years of faithfulness, bibles were given, many receiving them. Nineteen scholars continued to receive seals regularly up to ten years, which we consider a wonderful record, for it means they have been regular in attendance; have studied the lessons, and given an offering, thus receiving the required number of credits. The tenth year each of those nineteen persons were given a beautiful gold pin made for such a purpose, similar to college class pins. That system is still in use and records indicate a number will be entitled to bibles and some to pins at the close of this year.

A feeling of sadness prevailed last summer when our superintendent, N. L. Crout, moved to the northwest after fifteen years of faithful and successful Sunday School work. To him belongs the honor, largely, of the best School up to the present time. The earnest zeal shown by our assistant superintendent, Dr. J. S. Wright, in coming to our rescue, indicates who will be the natural choice of the Sunday School board for superintendent at the time of the annual election.

The following yell adopted by our School reveals our hopeful outlook for the future:

Illinois, Illinois,
My! My! My!
Illinois, Illinois,
Dry! Dry! Dry!
Illinois, Illinois,
When? When? When?
Illinois, Illinois,
Nine-teen Ten!!

Beside the other departments, there is the one for the shut-ins, those who for any reason cannot attend the main School. This was organized in connection with our School, January, 1897, with twenty-seven members, and C. N. Edmiston, superintendent. From that it grew under different officers to a membership of one hundred and seventeen. Many of the members have entered the main School and new ones gained, leaving a membership of eighty-four. One of the best workers in the Home Department for a number of years was Mrs. Henry Alley, as secretary. The off-cers at this time are: President, Mrs. O. M. Conklin; Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Shipp.



N. L. CROUT

Primary Department of the Sunday School

Mrs. Hattie Kitchell



E have not been able to find accurate record and date of the first organization of the Primary Department, but think it was some months after the dedication of the church. As memory serves Miss Lizzie Carrothers, now Mrs. Humes Baker; then Miss Mary Spring, now Mrs. Thomas Scott, taught the little ones. As the class grew larger Mrs. Hattie Kitchell and Mrs. Calvin Scott were appointed.

Afterwards by changes in classes and teachers the record states that in 1874 Mrs. Littel and Miss Mary Jones taught the class. After a time, date not found, Mrs. Hattie Kitchell with Miss Ella Nall as assistant, were placed in charge of the class. We find no record of the changes or appointments until we come to the year 1885, when, at the annual meeting of the Sunday School board, Mrs. Hattie Kitchell was elected Primary Superintendent with Miss Lula Cliffe, now Mrs. M. D. Foster, as assistant, and at this date are still together in this blessed work.

In the summer of 1900 we organized our "Cradle-Roll" class in which we keep our babies until they are three years old, when we promote them to the Primary proper; this baby class is a great pleasure to us. They have their regular certificates of membership endorsed by teacher, superintendent and pastor. From ten to twelve years of age the children are promoted to the intermediate department of the school. We use the blackboard and picture roll illustrations—observe the birthday offering and the children feel it quite an honor to sit in the birthday chair. They are delighted with their "Loyal S. S. Army" certificates of merit, by which a number have carned Bibles. The special days in our course are observed by the children, and each Sabbath, lesson papers are distributed.

All through the years, pastors, superintendents and officers of the school kindly and generously furnished the needed supplies, and have been helpful in every possible way. As the years have passed our dear Heavenly Father has taken some of our little ones to be at home with Him, but the greater number have passed into the Sunday School proper, and very many into Church membership, and have gone out in different avenues of life to fill useful and honorable positions, and we as teachers feel it a great privilege and blessing to be connected with this department of our Church. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The Choir

By Mrs. James F. Phillips

HE first historical reference to Methodist singing is, that in 1850, at a meeting held at the home of Brother Richard Phillips, "The woods fairly rang with Hymns of Praise."

In 1853 some of the Church people desired to improve the singing and introduce the use of notes. This caused great dissatisfaction, and was the beginning of a "Musical War," which lasted several

years. Those favoring the introduction of note books were Jonas Notestine, E. W. Ridgway, G. D. Morrison, G. W. Carrothers, J. T. Shaw and John H. Gunn. In 1856 the ill-feeling had subsided and a Choir was organized with Wm. Robinson as leader. He was followed by Mr. Bontieue, then J. H. Gunn.

In 1875, D. L. Edmiston became leader. The death of this dearly beloved leader in 1887 was a severe blow, and sad loss to the Choir. Mr. J. H. Gunn took up the work laid down by "Brother Dan" and acted as leader until we had recovered enough to select a new one.

After much persuasion Mr. Ed B. Shaw consented to assume the responsibility. He was unanimously elected and for fourteen years was a most efficient choir leader. Unselfish, a personal friend of each member of his choir, and untiring in his devotion to all choir interests, he won the sincere love of all. At his death, in 1901, we felt we could hardly sustain such a loss and still exist as a choir, but his oft repeated remark, "Don't disband. Fourteen of the best years of my life are in that choir, and it is the best monument I shall ever have," held us together. During his illness, Mr.



D. L. EDMISTON

I shall ever have," held us together. During his illness, Mr. Shaw conferred with Mr. Angust Busefink in regard to choir matters, and Mr. Busefink acted as leader for him.

When the time came to select a new leader, after Mr. Shaw's death, Mr. Busefink was the natural choice of the choir. He was selected without a dissenting voice, and served well and faithfully for three years. At the expiration of that time he felt his business cares were too great for him to give the necessary time to choir work and he resigned the leadership. After a few months our choice fell upon our present leader, Mrs. E. B. Shaw. What more fitting and more beautiful than for her to carry on the work so dearly loved by her husband.

Her objections were overcome, and she was finally prevailed upon to accept the office. In January, 1905, she was unanimously elected leader, and since that time has filled the position so exceptionally well, that she has proved herself inspired by a desire to please more than mere mortals. Perfect harmony exists among pastor, leader and choir.

It is impossible to give a full list of persons belonging to the Choir, during all these years, for the membership was constantly changing, always some one dropping out and others joining us. Old Choir members are seattered far and wide, and some have attained distinction as evangelistic and concert singers. In the course of the years the Choir has been truly blessed by the assistance of good organists. Those filling this position have been Miss Lizzie Hofman, Miss Mary Spring, Mrs. Wm. Cobbs, Mrs. W. A. Thompson, the Misses Ida Cliffe, Alice Nall, Adah Knoph, Ethel Spring, Elizabeth Logan,

Effie Hurn, Christmas Gould, Martha Gould, Bess Wharf, Lula White and Francis Phillips.

In the last year of his leadership, or about 1900, Mr. Shaw organized a chorus of young voices. This organization has held together, and under the direction of various leaders, has developed into our efficient night chorus. In the fifty-two years of its existence, the Olney Methodist Episcopal Choir has never been disorganized. The church has always had a Choir ready to meet all requirements, and to fulfill all demands. Neither have they ever called on the Official Board for pecuniary help, furnishing their own music; and their work being purely voluntary their service has heen truly a service of love.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

By Mrs. E. B. Haseltine



HE Olney auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church was organized in the early 70's, but owing to lack of interest it was discontinued and the records were lost. It was re-organized March 9, 1879, with a membership of thirty-five; Mrs. T. F. Houts being elected president. As far as we can learn from the records the following ladies have scryed as president: Mrs. T. F. Houts, Mrs. Mary Longwood, Mrs.

Cordelia Phillips, Mrs. II. Nall, Mrs. E. B. Haseltine, Mrs. M. N. Powers, Mrs. G. D. Slanker, Mrs. Elma Fahs and Mrs. T. A. Fritchey.

Our auxiliary is increasing in interest and spirituality. We have used the United Study of Missions since its inception, about seven years ago, and a number of the "Woman's Friend" are taken each year. We hold regular meetings the first Tuesday of each month. Thank offering services have been held each year in March. We also give a Christmas offering to the cause. The mitc box offering is a feature of the September meeting.

Our special work at present is the support of a Bible Woman in India, and we contribute forty dollars per year to the day school in Nan Chang, China. The sum total raised by our society last year was \$240. We are awakening to the fact that "God has given us the heathen for an inheritance."

Through the efforts of some of the ladies of our society the Standard Bearers, the King's Heralds and Little Light Bearers have been organized. The King's Heralds are a potential factor in mission work in our own local church. They hold regular monthly meetings, and nearly every member takes a copy of the "Children's Friend." They always give liberally to some special work aside from their regular dues. This year they have sent \$15 to the Industrial Home in Mexico, and have contributed to the support of our beloved Bertha Creek, who, as we all know, is the Children's Missionary of the Northwestern Branch. They have a mite box opening at their September meetings. In fact, they bid fair to outshine their mother society. The Little Light Bearers have the same relation to our society that the "Cradle Roll" has to the Sunday School, and they are in line with the other societies.

And now we reverently bow our heads, and ask the Giver of all good to own and bless our efforts.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands."

"If you and I today

Should stop and lay

Our life work down, and let our hands fall where they will,-Fall down to lie quite still,—

And if some other hand should come, and stoop to find The threads we carried, so that it could wind,

Beginning where we stopped; if it should come to keep

Our life work going,-seek

To earry on the good design,

Distinctively made yours or mine,

What would it find?

The Standard Bearers

By One of the Members.



N OCTOBER, 1897, a committee composed of Mrs. Lida Fritchey, Mrs. E. B. Haseltine and Mrs. Elma Fahs, appointed by the W. F. M. S., met with young ladies of the Church and organized a Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, with Miss Florence Edmiston as president. For about a year meetings were held regularly every month, then the interest decreased until the society gradually died out.

In January, 1900, under the leadership of Mrs. Fritehey, the Y. W. F. M. S. was re-organized and Miss Stearman elected president. In 1901, the name "Daughters of the Covenant," was given to the Society. In 1904, the name was again changed to The Standard Bearers. Missionary leaflets were used as a basis of study for a time, and later books on Japan and African missions.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Robert Morris, is now supervisor and the newly elected officers are: President, Ethel Fitch; First Vice-President, Lulu Winans; Recording Secretary, Flossic Christy; Corresponding Secretary, Ethel Peneton; Treasurer, Lura Bailey.

Woman's Home Missionary Society

By Mrs. T. M. Wharf



THE W. H. M. S. was organized during the spring of 1900, by Mrs. Gegie, of Duluth, Minn., one of the National Organizers of Home Missions. A few months later the society was re-organized by Miss Wood, of Sumner, Ill., the Conference Organizer, and it was called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Olney, Auxiliary to the Southern Illinois Conference.

The Society being well established with nineteen charter members, the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. W. Loy, President; Mrs. M. C. McGriff, Vice-President; Mrs. T. M. Wharf, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Lela Myers, Corresponding Secretary.

Although the membership was small, and the amount of supply work, dues and money from all sources did not exceed over \$47 for the remaining conference year, yet the Holy Spirit was with us as the source of our strength when opposition arose (from pulpit and pew) bringing us out more than conqueror; and, as the years go by there is a steady increase in membership, finance and supply work.

In March, 1909, the auxiliary numbered forty-three active members. It has paid out during the past conference year, (1908) \$114.48 for dues, pledge work, supply work and scholarship. Supplies are being sent to a great many homes, including a Training School for Deaconesses, and also to our precious sister, Bertha Creek, of Darjeeling, India. Boxes of supplies are also sent to ministers on frontier work—many of whom are receiving only from \$150 to \$250 a year, while others are laboring without promise of any certain salary, simply trusting day by day for their daily bread.

The amount of eash for local work is quite small, but a great deal of bedding, provisions and second hand garments have been distributed. Business meetings are held once a month, and call meetings for work as often as needed.

We feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for leading us thus far safely, and gratefully appreciate any assistance rendered to advance the work, for it has been largely through the efforts of the good people of Olney that has made it possible to bring these results to pass.

Queen Esthers

By Lulu Winans

HE Queen Esther Circle of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of Olney, was organized by Mrs. Mabel Hillish in 1903. The following officers were elected: President, Lulu Winans; First Vice-President, Minnie Kramer; Second Vice-President, Margaret Butler; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Blanche Everett. The first regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs.

D. P. Moore, April 24th, 1903. Mrs. Moore was elected Superintendent or Lady Manager, which office she has faithfully filled to the present time. The dues are sixty cents per year. Meetings are held once a month for the purpose of studying the conditions and needs of the Indians, Negroes, Mountaineers, Mormons and Foreigners in our country. Special work has been done to some extent to aid in educating these people so that they may live helpful Christian lives. Money has been raised by dues, mite boxes and sales of different kinds, and help has been given to several organizations working along these lines.

In 1905 and 1906, the Queen Esthers organized The Mothers Jewel Band, and these little ones, too, are nobly helping with the good work. This year we have pledged \$15 for the Rebecca McCleskey Home, and will continue to do what we can, by the help of God, and in His name to win America for Christ.



J. W. VANCLEVE, D. D.



"Aunt Rhoda" Gaddis

Epworth League Chapter No. 1231

By Eudora Ratcliffe

COTTO: LOOK UP. LIFT UP.

Because of a growing need among Methodists to care for their young people, societies of various names were springing up over the country having primarily the same object, Christian culture. Some one conceived the idea of union, to which end the secretary of

the Young People's Methodist Alliance of St. Joseph, Michigan, began correspondence with other societies resulting in a representative gathering at Cleveland, Ohio, May 14, 1889. Dr. B. F. Dimmick, pastor of the church where the meetings were held, says: "The meetings were exceedingly interesting. They arose at times to the dramatic in excitement, as the members became stirred with the gravity of the question under discussion, and as one after another of the delegations were compelled to surrender some particular and distinctive feature of their society. It was mental surgery without an anaesthetic, but it was inevitable, and it was beautiful to observe how the Christian grace of charity would finally arise superior to selfishness and personal or party pride."

After two days spent in debate and comparison of views it was decided to organize an entirely new society. Various names were wanted, the one chosen, Epworth League, being a slip of the tongue, in speaking of Epworth Hymnal and Oxford League by one intending to prove Oxford League would be best.

In no other than a body of Christian workers could be enaeted such a scene as followed the adjournment. "The threatening storm cloud that had hung over the conference all disappeared and the Sun of Rightcousness had arisen over the assembly with healing in his wings and had spoken peace to the storm-tossed sea; and during the fina hours of the last session a perfect calm rested upon the conference."

From the history of the Epworth League written for the corner stone by Mrs. George Fitch, the following dates are taken:

"At the General Conference of the Methodist Episeopal Church held at Omaha, Nebraska, May 1892, the Epworth League was officially adopted and made a department of our church. Previous to this there had been a society for young people in the Olney Methodist Church, which was changed to "Epworth League," September 10, 1889, largely through the efforts of the Pastor, Rev. Joseph W. Van Cleve. His interest in the Epworth League and success in establishing it upon a firm foundation cannot be appreciated wholly even by those of us closely associated with him in the work."

The first president was Mrs. Harry Stauffer, and the chairman of the department of Christian work was Edward B. Shaw, whose efficient services in the League was only severed when his Heavenly Father called him home, Among other invaluable workers our own missionary, Miss Bertha Creek, ranks high. What the regular meetings have been in spiritual development of the young people is shown by their faithfulness and consecration.

While the League has never been a money-making society many supplies have been sent to different homes for orphans; teachers have been supported in India; our own needy helped with clothing and bedding; money paid for nurses to care for sick; thousands of visits made to the sick; taking flowers and delicacies to them; the pulpit has been supplied with flowers and funds raised for church improvements.

The present cabinet is composed of: President, Mrs. E. B. Shaw; Vice-President, Spiritual Department, Josie Richardson; Vice-President Department of World's Evangelism, Lulu Winans; Vice-President Mercy and Help Department, Mrs. George Fitch Vice-President Literary and Social Department, Eudora Ratcliffe; Secretary, Mabel Eichen; Treasurer, Harry Fitch.

Tribute should be paid to one, "Aunt Rhoda" Gaddis, whose young heart enabled her to work with the Leauge, faithfully in her own way, doing invaluable service since the organization of the Epworth League. She entered eternal rest September 13, 1909. Most appropriate services were held on the lawn of her humble dwelling place, conducted by Rev. Robert Morris and Rev. J. W. Cummins, of East St. Louis.

The Epworth League constitution says: "The object of the League is to promote intelligent and loyal piety in the young members and friends of the Church, to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart, and in constant growth in grace, and to train them in works of merey and help.

Epworth League Juniors

By Mrs. T. A. Fritchey

NE of the most promising organizations of our Church is the Junior League. Realizing the children of today are the Church of tomorrow, our beloved Methodism is giving special attention to the training of children. The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, is for instruction in a given portion of the Bible week by week. The Junior League aims to supplement this institution and to do what

the school has not the time to do during the Sunday School session—teach Bible history, Bible geography, books of the Bible, memorizing scripture and hymns, the Creed, the Catechism, church history, etc. But it also attempts *much more*. Diligent efforts are made to lead the children to the Savior of the world; and, if a Christian child, to develop and enrich his Christian life; and train the boys and girls into intelligent Christians and intelligent Methodists.

The Junior League of Olney was organized October 1, 1891, within the pastorate of Rev. Joseph W. Van Cleve. It was named Simpson Chapter and enrolled at Central office No. 536. The first records are missing. Mrs. Ashton was the first superintendent and Miss Florence English the first treasurer. They were true to their duty, kept the children together and held meetings every Saturday afternoon.

Early in the pastorate of Rev. C. Nash, Miss Dora Ratcliffe was appointed to take the place of the former superintendent. Because of illness it being necessary about a year later to make a change, Brother Nash appointed Mrs. T. A. Fritchey as superintendent; Miss Dora Ratcliffe, assistant; and two teachers, Miss Lora Sheperd and Miss Bertha Creek, now missionary to India. With such efficient and faithful helpers the pastor and superintendent saw the League rapidly growing in numbers and in interest. Meetings were held every Sunday afternoon. Business meetings once a month.

The time soon came when it was necessary to have the League divided into departments and an officer for each of the six departments. Ere long we divided into classes, had a regular course of study, and practical Christian work enforced in its numerous phases. The Master used every agency and method, and officers and teachers were at times suprised at the growth in grace, and the unfolding of religious life of the Juniors.

Our Juniors have varied in age; they have come from homes abounding in plenty and homes destitute and cheerless, but they are real, tender-hearted, beautiful, religious boys and girls. The children's experiences told in testimony meetings and their sentence prayers are often novel and exceedingly helpful, and inspire us to master the blessed art of the true ministry to children. "Of such is the kingdom."

Our day of graduation is on the anniversary of the Epworth League, when public services are held and diplomas awarded to the children who have reached the age of fourteen. Our classes bave never been smaller than twelve nor larger than nineteen in number. Today many of our graduates are the most active, aggressive and generous members of our Church; active in the Epworth League; many are teachers in the Junior League and Sunday School; one is leader of the evening choir; one the treasurer of our church; and others filling positions of importance in the Church. Many of them began tithing when children. The result has been both development in their own lives and material prosperity of the Church.

The recording angel must note the Merey and Help Department, for it has done much, such a large amount of local work. Boxes of fruit and eandy, flowers, books, pietures, baskets of clothing, fuel, groceries, etc., have found their way into homes of the sick and needy. The superintendent and teachers have only to suggest. The Juniors give gladly and enthusiastically, watching for opportunities to do the things they have been learning.

The Junior League pledge:

"I do hereby promise, by the help of God, to try always to do right, to pray every day, to read every day in the Word of God, to abstain from the use of tobaeco, and all intoxicating liquor."

The officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. Robert Morris; President, Ruth Winans; First Vice-President, Hattie Dewhirst; Second Vice-President, Ruth Murray; Third Vice-President, Blanche Archibald; Fourth Vice-President, Léone Pixley; Secretary, Esther Rogers; Treasurer, Margaret Falconer.

Enrollment, Seventy-six.

The last verse of our Junior League song expresses the sentiment of the members:

"Long may our League remain,
Long may we love its name,
Its truths make known.
The motto that we love,
'Look up, Lift up,' shall prove
A prayer our hearts to move
To God's own throne."

The Guild

By Mrs. J. F. Jolly

HE M. E. Guild, of which this is to be a brief history, was organized from the old societies of the Methodist Church, known respectively as follows: First, the Aid Society, afterwards the Sewing Circle and lastly, the Church Building Association. Of those bodies the writer wishes to speak before giving an account of the work of the Guild.

The books date back only as far as 1895, but the women of the Church had met at intervals long before that date, had sewed, had given public dinners and worked energetically—if spasmodically. By the women of the Church is meant, first one little gathering and then another, but through it all one or two were always so faithful they deserve special mention.

Foremost among these was Miss Carrie Ratcliffe; not that she made herself a leader, but the fact that she was always willing, always patient and always at her post, caused her to be selected as directress of the Sewing Circle. Hers was always the self-appointed task of completing unfinished work and the taking of extra orders for work between meetings. Her loyalty to the work and her never failing good humor, endcared her to the entire Society which, aside from a few faithful ones, consisted mostly of a floating membership.

Mrs. Nellie Phillips, Mrs. J. I. Moutrey, Mrs. Knoph and many others did faithful and unassuming work in the days of that Society. Mrs. A. L. Redman was a eapable leader from the time of her election as president in 1895 to the date of re-organization, which took place at her home and at her solicitation on November 23, 1897, being the christening of the new M. E. Ladies Guild, which was organized and so named on that date. Some outsiders were asked to attend this meeting, one of whom was elected president. The following is a list of officers as elected November 23, 1897: Mrs. John F. Jolly, President; Mrs. A. L. Redman, Viee-President; Mrs. Andrews, Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Zook, Treasurer.

At the first meeting thereafter, Mrs. Andrews resigned the secretaryship, and Mrs. E. B. Shaw was elected to fill her place. The M. E. Ladies' Guild now took up the church work in earnest. Finances were discussed and the members were asked to each earn a dollar and hand in at a given date. The first dollar to come into the new organization was presented by George Elizabeth Jolly, who at that time was a little girl eleven years old. She earned it by making butterscotch and selling it. The Guild denounced the plans of former societies of buying material, sewing it up and selling it at so little real profit. They embarked in new waters, took up new plans of making money, one of the first ventures being the compiling and publishing of a cook book. It was decided for reasons of policy to call this the Olney Cook Book in preference to the Methodist as was first suggested. The work on this was driven unceasingly until the publication in July, 1898. The first lot of five hundred sold so readily a second edition followed, and finally a third edition. This money coming in almost constantly was a great help in Guild work.

This organization tried many new and unique ways of making money, the most successful being an Emporium, run at great expense on Main Street. However, as the members took turns at clerking, the sum of \$475.00 was realized, above all expenses. Many other new ideas were tried, some of which were criticized by a few. But many of the pillars in the Church, including the trustees, were most loyal in their appreciation of the financial efforts of the Guild.

Also, let us speak here of the loving helpfulness of Rev. J. W. Cummins during his pastorate. The knowledge of his approval, of his confidence in their ability, and of his faith in their motives being for the right, was always uplifting to the workers in the Guild. He expected great things of them and it was their ambition to come up to the expectations of the pastor and trustees of the church.

Women and men are only God's children and like other and smaller children they are more easily led to their highest achievements by encouragement and sympathy than by harsh criticism.

To return to the Guild and its work. The first piece of property bought was the corner of Elm and Fair, for the sum of \$1550.00, from Mr. J. F. Haytt. Mr. Hyatt's price was \$1650.00, but he generously donated \$100.00 to the Guild. Afterward the property known as the Boffenmyer place was purchased for \$1000.00. On this was a cottage and barn, the cottage the Guild moved to the back of the Hyatt place for renting, and donated the Boffenmyer lot to the Church for a parsonage site, on which the parsonage now stands. Soon after the old Lutheran Church, standing between the Hyatt corner and Boffenmyer place, was bought for \$850.00, and the debt assumed by the Guild. By hard work and constant alertness the Guild paid off that amount and all other indebtedness thus presenting the Church with ground (including the parsonage site) at a cost of \$3,400. In addition to this sum the organization has given \$2,000.00, to the new church building, having paid \$1,000.00 of it down, and pledged the other thousand to be made in payments.

The books show many hundred dollars paid out as taxes, insurance and repairs on property. All this, while perhaps overlooked by the Church, all meant a continuous money earning on the part of the Guild. The building of the new church in reality is the achievement of the Guild's ambition, but the members are as keenly alive to money making as they ever were in the past, realizing that after the few payments it will take to pay off the promises made, other matters are sure to come up in the way of church furnishings, etc.

The good will to continue earning money is evident at every meeting, the social nature of which is a strong factor in keeping up the business relations and rendering them interesting. Our ex-deaconess, Miss Etta Mae Powell (now Mrs. Schwind, of Vandalia) paid the Guild the highest compliment possible when she wrote of her pleasure in meeting with its members and added: "I consider the M. E. Ladies' Guild of Olney the finest organization I have ever known in any Church." This tribute is doubly dear coming from one of her position and standing in the Church.

The secret of the social side of the Guild as well as the financial success is summed up in one word, "Harmony." Never has there been one unseemly falling out or a bitter feeling expressed at meetings. The members have pulled together and worked with one purpose and for one end.

Six times death has entered the fold and the workers paused and realized that others must step in and help finish the work begun. The following members have passed away since 1897: Flora Adams Byer, Mrs. G. D. Slanker, Miss Carrie Ratcliffe, Mrs. Peter Burnes, Mrs. Eleanor Elliott and Mrs. A. J. White.

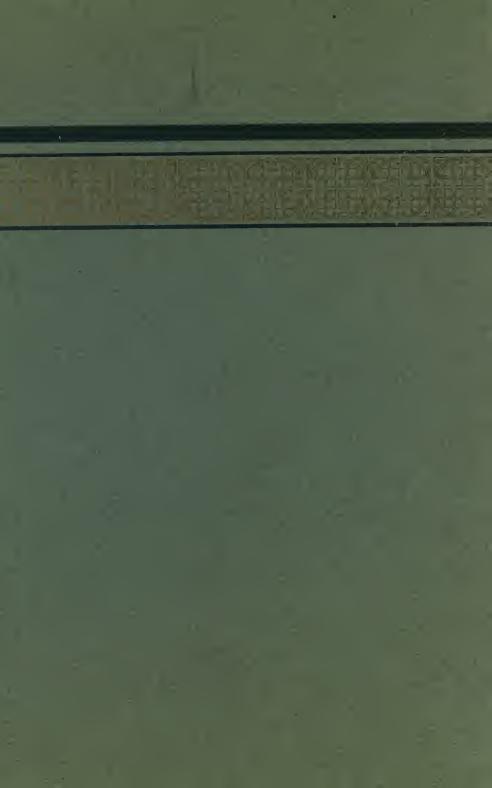
The present pastor, Rev. Robert Morris, has been and is all that is most helpful and encouraging to the Guild, filling the place of counselor and friend. In him is a combination but seldom found in one man, a thoroughly conscerated Christian character, deeply and earnestly devoted to his work and at the same time broadly charitable toward all and keenly alive to innocent joy and amusement, thus endearing himself to all who meet him in church work. Adding to this his pleasant smile and ever cordial manner and we have the personality of the ideal pastor.

The lutest work of the Guild was the organizing, at the home of Mrs. H. C. Faleoner, of the Auxiliary of the Guild, to be known as the "Daughters of the Guild." This body is composed of the daughters of the members of the Guild. They are to be helpers and work in conjunction with the Guild. September 28, 1909, was the date of the organization and the following officers were elected: George Jolly McMahon, President; Mary Ellen Page, Vice-President; Kate Faleoner, Secretary; Eugenia Powers, Treasurer.

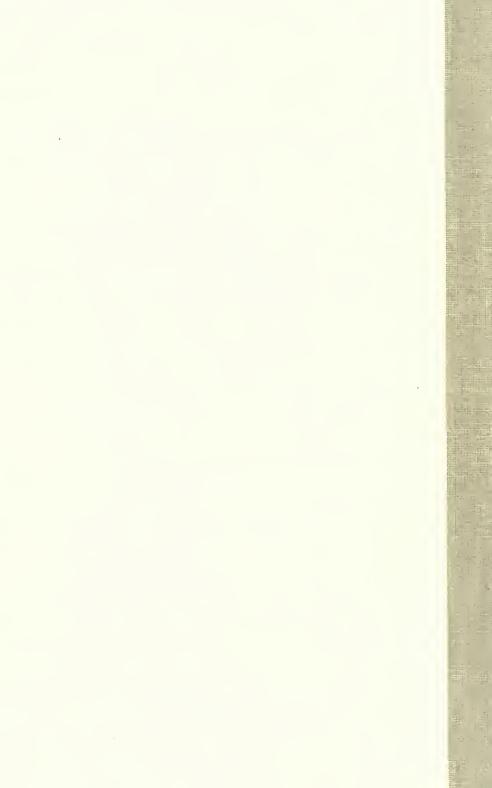
The other charter members are Lillie Zook, Cleo Ryan Redman, Kathrina Powers, Helen Hoggins and Francis Phillips. At present the duties of the Auxiliary will be light but new work will develop and early training will enable them to meet it. The Guild considers the new Auxiliary the most important factor in its history. It was a beautiful thought, to thus bring in the grand daughters of many of the old time, stauneh church members, and to secure, through them, young life and energy for the great work of the

future.

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